

CHAUTAUQUA COMMITTEE HOLDS GOOD MEETING

The Flagstaff Chautauqua Association held a meeting Tuesday night in Forest Supervisor Guthrie's office. A quorum being present the meeting was called to order by Chairman Thorpe.

An informal discussion was held after which the chairman of the various committees were called upon to make reports.

The success of the first chautauqua to be held in northern Arizona is an assured fact. More than 100 tickets have been sold since our last meeting held a week ago and if all of the guarantors will comply with the request of the chairman and sell at least eight tickets which will equal the amount for which you are pledged the money will be raised before our next meeting.

Flagstaff has the best summer climate, the greatest natural wonders; we want summer visitors to come to our city but we must arrange suitable summer attractions and accommodations if we are to bring more people each year.

No better means of entertainment could be offered than Redpath-Hornor's Chautauqua. The best talent in the country will be with us for one week. Let us all help to make it a permanent yearly attraction. The promotion run to Williams Sunday is not being organized by any one party or for the benefit of any particular class. It is a movement by everybody for everybody.

Let us tell Williams we have something extra good in the way of entertainment and invite the people to attend. We want you to join in making any move that will promote good feeling and help build a bigger northern Arizona.

This is the first attempt at cooperation, a get-together movement for all, so let's not hang back or pass out any gloom.

The first run will get together in front of the Commercial hotel and all cars will be decorated with pennants, etc. Mayor O. H. John will lead the procession and anyone who disobeys him by driving fast or otherwise will be summarily dealt with.

W. B. AND O. B. RAUDEBAUGH BUY TATE VARIETY STORE

W. B. and O. B. Raudebaugh purchased the Tate Variety Store on Railroad avenue, taking charge of the business Monday morning. Mr. Tate started the store about a year ago with a stock of men's and women's furnishings and notions. W. B. Raudebaugh has for the past 5 years been identified with the merchandising game in Flagstaff and at the time of the trade was employed in the Dresswell Shop.

O. B. Raudebaugh has been successfully conducting the News Stand for over a year and through a desire to branch out became interested with his brother in the Variety Store. He will, however, continue in conducting the News Stand while W. B. assumes the management of the new business.

Both young men have proven their ability and will no doubt make the Variety Store a success. Mr. Tate will spend a year in California where his daughter is attending school.

MEN'S CLUB OF FEDERATED CHURCH ELECTS OFFICERS

The semi-annual election of officers for the Men's Club of the Federated church occurred at a meeting held in the church parlors Tuesday night. The result of the election was as follows: Dr. M. G. Fronske, president; Mr. H. B. Fay, vice-president; Mr. T. B. Gill, secretary; Mr. H. G. Ehlers, treasurer.

The club has been in existence for about six months and during that time held several public as well as social meetings at which prominent men were invited to speak. Among those who have addressed the club are Dr. Percival Lowell, Attorney C. B. Wilson, Governor Hunt, and Dr. Von Kleinsmid.

Ships Mountain Lion

E. T. Cox came in from Lees Ferry Wednesday bringing a string of horses and a four months old mountain lion. He is shipping the lion to Lincoln Park at Chicago where it will be placed in the zoo. Cox says that he has killed about twenty lions in the Ferry country in the last thirty days and that he treed this young one with his dogs and roped him out of the tree. Cox was one of the party that guided Col. Roosevelt on his hunting trip in that country several years ago.

BIG FOREST FIRE BACK OF ELDEN MT. WEDNESDAY

A forest fire started by one of the Greenlaw logging engines burned over 40 acres before checked by men from the mill company and the forest officers. Three fires were started at the same time but Motor Patrolman Badell was able to extinguish two of them before they gained headway. The third fire got beyond his control while he was working on the others and a general alarm was sent out.

The mill company rushed 15 men to the fire, some from the Cliffs and some from the logging camp, while the forest office here sent out 5 men. Mr. T. A. Riordan, of the A. L. & T., was also at the scene of the fire.

This was the second largest fire this year, the largest burning over 160 acres near Sedona. There is a keen competition between the various forests in the southwest in keeping the fires down to a minimum. A reward is issued from the district office at Albuquerque every year in the form of a framed letter to the forest having the best record.

In judging the contest for the year the fires are divided into three classes, viz: A, fire not over 1/4 acre, B, fire not over 10 acres, C, fire anything over 10 acres.

It is interesting to note the number of lookouts from which the fire Wednesday was reported. From the Snowflake country it was reported, from Promontory Butte and Chevelon Butte, and on the Coconino Forest from Baker Butte on the Tonto Basin rim, and from Mahin about 15 miles south of Mormon Lake.

INSANE MEXICAN IS HELD AT JAIL AWAITING TRIAL

Salvador Sanchez, the Mexican who was brought in from Cliffs several days ago after shooting at his brother, is being held at the county jail awaiting trial for insanity. Sanchez was an inmate of the state asylum in New Mexico for three years, but for some time past has been working for the Greenlaw Lumber Co. at Cliffs.

At the end of his shift he came out of the mill and without warning shot at his brother. The bullet just grazed the ribs, not breaking the skin but burned a path across the body. After shooting at his brother Sanchez threw the gun away and claimed he was handling it and the discharge was accidental.

He has been acting queerly for some time and is laboring under the impression that his brother is trying to steal his money. His case will come up in the superior court in a few days.

Will Live in Flagstaff

E. C. Bruns, claim adjuster for this section of the Santa Fe has been called into the main claim office of the company and Mr. L. M. Randall has been appointed to relieve him. Although Mr. Randall will be on the road most of the time, he expects to make Flagstaff his home and will soon be permanently located here with his wife and daughter.

Mr. Randall is enthusiastic over Flagstaff as a place of residence as well as the many scenic attractions and pleasure trips offered by the surrounding country. Men who travel extensively in transacting their business are able to do a town much good by personal boosting on the outside, we welcome him to Flagstaff.

POLLOCK TAKES FLYING TRIP TO ALBUQUERQUE

One of the fastest trips ever taken over the Santa Fe was made by T. E. Pollock and Dr. Morton Wednesday when Mr. Pollock chartered a special train to take him and the Doctor to the bedside of his brother, R. R. Pollock, who was seriously ill with appendicitis at Albuquerque.

At 10:45 Wednesday morning Mr. Pollock called on the local Santa Fe office for a special train. Agent John got busy and at 11:35 the train pulled out of Flagstaff making Winslow in one hour and twenty-five minutes. The special, consisting of one baggage and two Pullmans, was scheduled to arrive in Albuquerque at 7:47, which it did, the actual running time being eight hours and twenty-two minutes.

Word was received yesterday morning that an operation had been performed and that Mr. Pollock was getting along as well as could be expected. Mr. R. R. Pollock is one of the big business men of the southwest and is general manager of the Diamond Coal Company with offices at Albuquerque.

WILLIS AND HENRY AZBILL ARE CONVICTED OF MURDER

Defendants in Sensational Case never Quiver when Jury Returned Verdict of Guilty and Fixed the Penalty as Death.

Willis and Henry Azbill were convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to death Monday night at the close of a trial of eleven days duration. The jury was out just fifteen minutes and it is said that only two ballots were taken, one to convict and one for the sentence.

The rest in the defense came as a surprise last Friday afternoon as it was known that they had several witnesses that had never been placed on the stand.

In the arguments to the jury the defense tried to establish an alibi, the whole of their defense hinging on the failure of the state to establish the identity of the body found in the J. D. Tank, the claim for no motive and absence of the Azbills in the vicinity of the tank when on their prospecting trip.

In presenting the state's case to the jury County Attorney C. B. Wilson successfully combatted the supposed alibi by showing that in making the trip there were from 3 to 5 days unaccounted for, allowing ample time for a visit to the tank and return. The lapse of these few days in time occurred between Prescott and Williamson Valley on the road to Kingman. Mr. Wilson brought out the fact that as Willis Azbill did not take the stand his possession of the effects belonging to Henry Thomas, the murdered man, was not and could not be explained by the defense. It was further recited that the defendants claimed Thomas left them at the foot of Black Canyon Hill carrying with him his bed roll, suitcase, 45-60 Winchester, overcoat and six-shooter walking 16 miles to the Turkey Tank station to catch a train. The suitcase, bedding and other personal effects were found with Willis Azbill when arrested on the Colorado below Needles.

Mr. Wilson also reviewed the evidence showing that Thomas' watch and Winchester had been sold by Azbill to Robert Roscoe at Kingman and his six-shooter to a Mohave Indian named Nomela somewhere on the Colorado river. After showing that the Azbills were in possession of effects belonging to the murdered man and that they had traveled with him up to within a few days journey of the place of his murder, evidence positively identifying the body as that of Henry O. Thomas was reviewed by the prosecution. The body was identified by the teeth, color of hair, eyes, eyelashes, color of beard, weight and size, even to the shirt which was the only garment on the body, showing that Thomas was probably murdered while asleep.

The rope around the body and tied to a sack of rocks was identified by Mrs. C. W. Guill as a rope she gave Thomas when he left Phoenix with the Azbill party. She gave him another piece of rope which was found

around the bedroll in Azbill's possession when arrested.

The evidence introduced by the defense regarding another body having been seen in the J. D. tank two months prior to the finding of the body of Thomas was obliterated when Mr. Wilson reviewed the testimony of Dr. Manning showing that it was a physical impossibility for the body to have been in the tank for that length of time. Henry Thomas was in Ohio at the time the body was said to have been seen in the tank by two witnesses for the defense.

After Mr. Wilson's sweeping argument the case went to the jury. They were given no instructions as the laws of the state provide that it is the power of the jury to convict and place the sentence.

The date for the carrying out of the sentence will be set in open court Saturday morning. The defense gave motion of appeal, which is merely a matter of form and the case may not be taken to the higher court. It is not believed that sufficient new evidence can be introduced to call for a new trial.

Since the arrest of the Azbills in December, charged with the murder of Henry O. Thomas, the people of Coconino county and northern Arizona have been watching the case with considerable interest. It has been a long tedious trail in collecting evidence but through the efforts of our county attorney and sheriff enough was accumulated to make a very strong case. Leaving Flagstaff early in January Mr. Wilson and Mr. Dickinson went to Phoenix looking for evidence in the case. They were hindered by the high water at that time and proceeded to Needles, going from there on a tour of Kingman, Goldroads and Oatman. Each place contributed a link to the chain of evidence which later proved the undoing of the Azbills.

Several trips were made to Prescott, Dewey and the Lynch Creek country and the two officers took the trail at Black Canyon and traveled over the entire route of the Azbill party, picking up bit by bit all the articles formerly possessed by Thomas, with the exception of his ring. They also collected evidence from the people along the road.

It is needless to state that the county officials did everything in their power in securing all the evidence in this case, as the verdict certainly proved their services. During Mr. Wilson's term of office he has tried three murder cases, besides the present one, securing a conviction in every case. The untiring efforts of Sheriff Dickinson are typical of his career of several years in the enforcement of the law. Gerard T. Wall, assistant county attorney, also rendered invaluable services in the case in lining up the witnesses and getting the case through the court in the shortest possible time.

WILL ORGANIZE A GUN CLUB FOR FLAGSTAFF

Steps are being taken for the organization of a gun club for Flagstaff and a paper is being circulated for the signature of sportsmen who will become charter members of the club. It is not necessary to sign the membership list to enjoy the entertainment which the club will offer as everybody will be invited to attend the shoots. The only requirement being that each shooter furnish his own ammunition and pay for the pigeons he breaks.

The 20 charter members will look after the equipment for the club, trap, clay pigeons, sheds, etc., and are planning on using the ground near the race track which has been used for the purpose heretofore. The plan is meeting with general approval and it is probable that the first public shoot will be held about July 2. Williams, Holbrook and several of our neighboring towns boast good gun clubs that are always looking for contests. After a little practice Flagstaff will meet them.

BIG WATER TANKS ARE NUMEROUS IN COCONINO

Each year the stockmen of Coconino County are investing large sums of money in the building of tanks and the location of water holes, the great problem being a location that will "catch and hold." Although many of their efforts are unsuccessful, the risk taken is considered well worth while. One of the biggest tanks in the country will be completed about the first of July. It belongs to A. J. LeBarron and is located on his ranch about 6 miles from Angel. The tank is 450 by 100 feet, will average 3 1/2 feet in depth and the dam is 8 feet high. The intake is a ditch 6 miles long and 8 feet deep. Mr. LeBarron feels that the cost of over \$12,000 will be amply repaid in the large amount he will be able to store in this tank. C. C. Thornton outfit left Monday morning to complete the work on this tank. This outfit is also doing some repair work on the Jack Smith tank in connection with the new Forest Service tank built in Black Bill Park.

TOWN CHARTER IS NOT NEEDED TO INCORPORATE

The question of the missing town charter, brought up in the meeting of the Board of Trade last Wednesday evening, has been without a doubt settled by digging into the minutes of the board of supervisors in their meeting of May 26, 1894, and was presented to the Board of Trade at a special meeting Monday by O. H. John.

Upon petition of two-thirds of the tax payers of Flagstaff the board incorporated Flagstaff as the town of Flagstaff in accordance with act No. 72 of the Legislative Assembly of 1893. They appointed the following men to act as council until their successors were duly elected: Gorham Bray, Peter J. Brannen, James A. Vail, John T. Daggs, David Babbitt. The board of supervisors at that time consisted of A. A. Dutton, chairman, F. F. McMillon, member and C. A. Bush, clerk.

The committee on the tent city for Flagstaff was continued, owing to their inability to report anything definite in the way of a site, etc.

The report of the committee on a drinking fountain for the depot reported favorably, stating that the fountain would cost from \$50 to \$100. It was decided to erect a fountain using a granite boulder and place a bronze plate on the fountain with a suitable legend advertising the best water in the west. Suggestions for inscriptions will be received by Secretary W. E. Berg from any person interested.

A fountain erection committee consisting of Ed. Whipple, L. B. Lanahan and J. D. Morton was appointed. W. L. Taylor, Ed. Whipple, and R. A. Morse were appointed as a fountain fund committee. Anyone desiring to contribute toward the fountain may leave their money with any member of the committee.

A communication from the chaplain of the 1st Arizona Infantry at Douglas was read, in which he asked for donations for an entertainment hall and reading room for the soldier boys on the border. Cash or reading matter will be received by the following committee appointed by the board to handle the matter: R. C. Babbitt, A. W. Bicker, W. L. Taylor.

The report of the committee on a Coconino County Chamber of Commerce was laid on the table until the next meeting. Judging by the discussion it created the proposition will be killed at the next meeting.

A letter to the Santa Fe officials regarding a new depot for Flagstaff was approved.

President Francis spoke of the auto run to Williams Sunday in behalf of the chautauqua and urged all car owners to participate.

Believed to Have Cut the Wrong Man

In a cutting fray, which occurred on Railroad avenue about 2 o'clock Monday morning, Ramon Garcia received a stab in the side which may prove fatal. The cut was about four inches long and entered the lung.

Garcia was going home when he encountered three other Mexicans whom he feared were going to treat him roughly. He turned and ran into one of the Chinese restaurants on Railroad avenue and called out a friend to help him. When he turned around one of his pursuers plunged a knife into his side.

Immediately after the stabbing the three Mexicans disappeared and as yet no trace of them has been found.

ALL ARE PLEASED WITH NOMINATION OF HUGHES

Republicans all over the country are jubilant over the nomination of Chief Justice Hughes as the Republican candidate for President. The withdrawal of Col. Roosevelt from the Progressive ticket was expected and almost assured before the convention was over.

The nomination of Mr. Hughes came about without serious opposition from any of the proposed candidates and without a statement from him regarding the acceptance of the honor or a solicitation for the office. His attitude was "If the people want me for a candidate, I am duty bound to step from the bench and lead the party in the coming campaign." Speaking in regard to his stand in the coming campaign he says: "My attitude is one of undiluted Americanism, and anybody that supports me is supporting an out-and-out American policy, absolutely nothing else."

Mr. Fairbanks will be his running mate.

WILSON AND MARSHALL NOMINATED LAST NIGHT

Woodrow Wilson was nominated by the Democratic convention in St. Louis last night at 11 o'clock as candidate for president with Thomas R. Marshall as running mate. Nothing sensational came out of the convention as President Wilson was the only candidate in the field. A different and stronger running mate was talked of but the president put the quietus on that talk by insisting on Mr. Marshall.

Keynote Glynn opened the convention with a speech on "Americanism and Peace, Preparedness and Prosperity." He brought tears to the eyes of peace loving Bryan when he declared: "We will fight and die for our flag when reason points the rifles, when honor draws the swords, and when justice breathes a blessing on the cause that they uphold," all of which is in perfect accord with the present system of watchful waiting.

SELLS WILL NOT APPOINT ATTORNEY IN RUNKE CASE

Indian Commissioner Cato Sells, in replying to the resolutions sent to him by the Flagstaff Board of Trade relative to the action of Supt. Runke which resulted in the killing of Taddy Tin, the renegade Indian, refuses to appoint an attorney from the Department of Justice for the defense of the defendants.

This action by the commissioner is a bitter disappointment to the people of Flagstaff and those knowing the exact state of affairs. The commissioner does not state that such an appointment from his office could not be made, but says that for "obvious reasons" he does not consider it wise to do so. He also states that it would be "inappropriate" for him to assume to interfere in the trial other than to indicate his desire that the facts shall be impartially presented. In closing he "trusts that the facts when presented to the court and jury will justify acquittal."

It is plain that Mr. Sells is pursuing the easy course in the matter and is willing to see these men brought to trial at their own expense in a cause that came on by them performing their duty as officers of the United States government. What action could be more conducive to crime than the one the Department of the Interior is taking in this matter?

It is well known that the Indian witnesses at this trial will not say one word regarding the past depredations of Taddy Tin, although they repeatedly called for the help of the reservation officers when he went to their homes and took what he wished. It is a tradition, too deeply instilled into their hearts to be uprooted by the law of any country, that when a man is dead no discrediting word must be said against him.

It was not for the fact that the Indians held this belief regarding the dead, there would be no question about the outcome of the trial. Their testimony would convict and sentence the deceased renegade to death with untold tortures. But as the case stands, regardless of what the people on the reservation and in Flagstaff know to be true, the defense may not be able to muster enough unbiased evidence to make their point.

The indictment of Mr. Runke and his officers was a plain miscarriage of justice and if this case comes to trial it will be crime against the people of this state. Now is the time to unite and leave nothing undone that will help toward having a federal investigation on the case, Mr. Sells and his Indian commission notwithstanding.

Brick Masons Organize Union

Through the efforts of L. B. Lanahan the local brick masons organized a local union of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union of America, Sunday. The officers are as follows: Mose Anspach, president; Bob Tillman, financial and corresponding sec.; Emil Silvester, recording secretary; Steve Eck, treasurer; L. B. Lanahan, local deputy. The organization is starting off with 15 members.

Stuart Opens Shop

W. F. Stuart, who has been residing in Flagstaff for over a year, and conducting a photograph studio upstairs in the Pollock building, has opened an art shop in the small store room next door to Keller's Bakery. Mr. Stuart is an artist in the photographing business and spent many summers in Flagstaff before leaving El Paso permanently to locate here.